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5 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

6 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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8 ROGER GONZALES,

No. C -13-02447 EDL

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.
11 **ORDER REFERRING CASE TO ADR
UNIT FOR ASSESSMENT TELEPHONE
CONFERENCE**

12 WELLS FARGO BANK NA,

13 Defendant.

14 Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 16-8 and ADR Local Rule 2-3, the Court refers this
15 foreclosure-related action to the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Unit for a telephone
16 conference to assess this case's suitability for mediation or a settlement conference. Plaintiff's and
17 Defendants' counsel shall participate in a telephone conference, to be scheduled by the ADR Unit as
18 soon as possible but no later than July 5, 2013.

19 Plaintiff and Defendants' counsel shall be prepared to discuss the following subjects:

20 (1) Identification and description of claims and alleged defects in loan documents
21 (2) Prospects for loan modification.
22 (3) Prospects for settlement.

23 The parties need not submit written materials to the ADR Unit for the telephone conference.

24 In preparation for the telephone conference, Plaintiff shall do the following:

25 (1) Review relevant loan documents and investigate the claims to determine whether they
26 have merit.
27 (2) If Plaintiff is seeking a loan modification to resolve all or some of the claims,
28 Plaintiff shall prepare a current, accurate financial statement and gather all of the
information and documents customarily needed to support a loan modification

1 request. Further, Plaintiff shall immediately notify Defendants' counsel of the
2 request for a loan modification.

3 (3) Provide counsel for Defendants with information necessary to evaluate the
4 prospects for loan modification, in the form of a financial statement, worksheet or
5 application customarily used by financial institutions.

6 In preparation for the telephone conference, counsel for Defendants shall do the following.

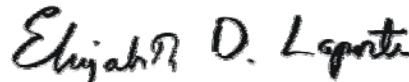
7 (1) If Defendants are unable or unwilling to do a loan modification after receiving
8 notice of Plaintiff's request, counsel for Defendants shall promptly notify Plaintiff to
9 that effect.

10 (2) Arrange for a representative of each Defendant with full settlement authority
11 to participate in the telephone conference.

12 The ADR Unit will notify the parties of the date and time that the telephone conference will
13 be held. After the telephone conference, the ADR Unit will advise the Court of its recommendation
14 for further ADR proceedings.

15 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

16 Dated: June 6, 2013



17 ELIZABETH D. LAPORTE
United States Chief Magistrate Judge